

REDMOND PARK BOARD
Minutes
June 5, 2003
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board (RPB) was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Suzanne Querry at 7:07 p.m.

Board members present: Vice-Chair, Suzanne Querry, Seth Kelsey, Ann Callister, David Ladd arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Absent and excused: Chair; Lori Snodgrass, Boardmember; David Degenstein and Youth Advocate; Katherine Zak.

City staff present: Tim Cox, Manager of Parks Planning

Citizen Guests: None

II. Approval of Minutes

The Redmond Park Board minutes of May 1, 2003 were unable to be approved without a quorum. May minutes will be voted for approval at the July 10th meeting:

III. Items from the Audience

No audience present

IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts

Querry requested an addition to the agenda, under New Business - Coast Guard Housing - Park naming process.

Cox handed out Chapter VI, PRO Plan revisions for Board members to review and discuss at their next meeting.

Cox brought to attention an e-mail Chairperson Snodgrass sent out last week regarding the following subject:

Vacant Park Board Position

Snodgrass asked staff for more information regarding applicants for the open and currently vacant Park Board position. Staff will move forward with the interview process with the two individuals who submitted their applications. In the event those two applicants do not meet Board qualifications, another notice for recasting will be sent out for public response. Interviews for the two current applicants will take place sometime this summer due to scheduling conflicts with the Mayor. More information will follow at the next Board meeting. Mayor's staff will contact applicants and set up interviews.

July 3rd Park Board Meeting Date

Snodgrass noted, by consensus, that the July Park Board meeting date will be moved from July 3 to July 10 due to the July 4th holiday. Staff will schedule accordingly.

Joint Park Board/Council Meeting - June 10 - 7:30 p.m.

Snodgrass also noted some possible discussion topics for the Park Board/Joint Council meeting scheduled for June 10. Topics included; bonds and/or other funding mechanisms, the development of park properties including interim use, master planning and renovation and how to be more responsive to Redmond citizens and divide more recreational programming and space. E-mail was also passed on to Councilman Cole for Council input.

V. Old Business

A. PRO Plan - Park & Facilities Assessment - Chapter VI

Cox handed out copies of revisions of Chapter VI of the existing PRO Plan, noted to be the longest chapter in the Plan. The chapter will be discussed and divided into two sections due to the length.

Cox noted that the items highlighted through text are strikeouts that no longer apply or are inaccurate - items vertically marked/shaded lines require revisions - some will require extensive revisions. Top two pages of handout indicate selected specific revisions.

Cox noted that needs identified in the 1997 PRO Plan did not take into account existing non-city property, non-city programmed facilities or properties (e.g. tennis courts/sports field on school property used by citizens). Spreadsheets attached to the back of the handout indicate facilities that the city scheduled, but are not city owned (e.g. Marymoor Park, school gymnasiums, 60 Acre Park, etc.).

Querry noted that the King County Bond vote was reflective of Redmond's support (second highest percentage of support of any city in King County).

Cox noted that the Director believes the trails referenced in the standard .5 miles per 1,000 population references multi-use trails that have regional connections, not for example; non-connecting trails within parks.

Cox asked the Board to look over the revisions/changes/deletions in the handout for comment and discussion at next months' meeting.

B. Park Improvement Plan (PIP) Revisions

Discussed as part of the PRO Plan Updates.

C. New Park Board Commissioner Recast

Discussed at the beginning of the meeting under "Additions to the Agenda".

VI. New Business

A. Disc Golf at Juel Park (Interim Use)

Cox noted that some months ago a representative of disc golf presented a proposal to the Board to try, on an experimental basis, disc golf at one of Redmond's parks, if an appropriate location could be secured. After much research, staff felt that the most appropriate location, for interim use, is Juel Park. Staff felt interim use (2 to 3 years) would allow both staff and disc golf enthusiasts a chance to see if disc golf would be successful.

Staff has met with disc golf promoters who have provided a tentative layout of a nine-hole course for the Juel Park site. The plans show the course laid out in the perimeter/wooded area of the park. Striking a balance for the whole location - laying out a challenging course, helping to generate more interest in the sport and to also be sensitive to environment in the area on the south end of the site are key elements parks staff are concerned with. The south end of the site has a wooded area and two small. Staff continues to work with promoters to ensure this is the best location for this type of recreational activity. Modifications to the suggested plan will be made either holes would be moved entirely out of the wooded setting with streams or players would cross a stream at an existing culvert.

Kelsey had concerns about keeping players on course and keeping the surrounding vegetation from being disturbed. Cox felt that the distance between boxes would be shortened to help keep better control.

Set up for the equipment would be minimal, no permanent fixtures (e.g. cement boxes) would need to be placed in ground, outside of the 200' buffer of the creek.

Staff will keep the Board informed of progressing issues, as they meet with disc golf promoters.

B. Idylwood Park Water Activity Center Introduction

Cox noted that information sent in the Board's packet summarized the meeting between Roy Lehner, Park Planner, and the Sammamish Rowing Association. If the concept of a shared facility partnership between public/non-profit organizations, has merit, Board input would be solicited at a presentation by the Rowing Association may have merits.

Kelsey asked if the parking lot on the site map would replace the original lot or if new one would be built. Cox noted that the plan included removing the existing house, replaced on the same footprint by the boathouse and that additional parking would link to the existing parking lot. Kelsey also had reservations about the launch house noted on the plan, what the effects on the environment would be along the shoreline, and traffic impacts.

Querry inquired as to the urgency of the plan by the Association and their timeframe. Cox noted that the Association has expressed interest in expediting the concept but recognized the need to work with the City's timing for an Idylwood feasibility Plan.

Cox will report back with updates and when the Association presentation will be made to the Board

C. King County Parks Update

Cox reported that the King County Bond Levy had passed. Kelsey noted that he had objections to King County charging a parking fee; he felt it was a burden to the citizens of Redmond.

Cox reported that the seating for the summer concert series venue holds approximately 5,000 people, within a raised berm on a raised stage, facing northeast; which better controls the sound.

D. Coast Guard Housing Park

Cox reported that the park was substantially completed, scheduled to be done in June. Concrete for the sidewalks was poured the last week, sports courts and playground equipment have also been installed - fall zone (wood chips under play equipment) and landscaping will be completed in June. The Park is located at 95th and Avondale; entry at 95th.

E. Coast Guard Park Naming Contest

Querry noted that the process to name the park should begin. Cox will bring information to the Board at their next meeting (July). Querry would like to have Park Naming contest boxes ready for the Derby Days event. She would also like to see contest boxes in local businesses.

F. July Meeting Date Change

Meeting changed from the scheduled July 3 meeting to July 10 due to the holiday schedule.

VII. Reports

Grass Lawn Phase II

- Contract award of bid was made in May by City Council
- Contract to be signed next week
- Construction scheduled to begin in early July - 4 month construction time
- Field 1 - larger softball field - will be resurfaced
- Replacing/repairing existing tennis courts
- Repair/replace existing field lights with shield and directional lights
- New fencing around field
- Landscaping

The Parks Dept. will advance the theory of maximizing facility use and look into renovating existing facilities to increase and expand their use.

Coast Guard Park

Reported in IV.E

Perrigo Park

Groundbreaking took place June 2. The Red Tail Hawk's nest (650' off site) is active, an environmentalist is observing the nest, the nest holds one chick. Grading has occurred, the City is negotiating with Union Hill Water District to provide water to the site.

Opening spring, 2004.

ORSCC - Parking Lot Renovation

- Bids to go to Council next month to expand the parking area
- Joint venture with Public Works - working on 166th, signalization, expansion work on roadway
- Construction to start this summer
- The existing parking lot will be redesigned and landscaped
- Entrance on 166th will be closed off - too close to intersection
- Kelsey suggested landscaping in parking area that will not allow patrons to walk through and damage the plants

B. Coming Attractions

CIP Status Report

- Finance may be coming to a future Board meeting to discuss the CIP and general Parks financing
- Mayor suggested that two Board members meet with Finance and report back to Park Board

Overlake Recreation Facility

- Staff reviewing recreational needs in the Overlake area
- Collecting inventory of what Bellevue's resources are in the immediate area - state park, schools (Viewpoint)
- May look into Kirkland Parks - Bridal Trails
- Planning Dept. is conducting the design of the 5-Year Comp Plan and holding design input meetings - looking at design within the City of Redmond
- Overlake is dense and will probably get denser in the future
- Redmond will conduct an inventory of parks and recreation resources in that area to make sure we are meeting the existing needs existing/future needs
- Staff will report back to the Board within the next two months

Joint Park Board/City Council Meeting - June 10

- Kelsey wanted clarification on what the Board wanted to accomplish
- Querry noted that Snodgrass sent out a previous e-mail stating the areas of focus
- Share perspectives
- Kelsey wants to make sure that major concerns are discussed - environmental issues, habitat, transportation expansion, housing, roads
- Kelsey noted that scheduling community meetings/seminars in the afternoon are difficult for the general public to attend. Developers attended as well as business owners

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by: Seth Kelsey
Second by: Ann Callister

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

By: _____
Suzanne Querry, Vice Chair

_____ Date

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

Next Regular Meeting
July 10, 2003
7:00 p.m.
Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center